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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97(b)(4), and § 1.114(c), submitted herewith is a Form PTO-1449, identifying U.S. and non-U.S. patent publications that may be considered material to patentability. This information disclosure statement accompanies a Request for Continued Examination (under 37 CFR § 1.114) submitted herewith. Accordingly no fee is due.

U.S. Patent No. 5,853,709 is believed to be an English-language equivalent to the Japanese-language publication No. JP-2001-505913. WO 96/19185 is believed to be an English-language equivalent to the Japanese-language publication No. JP 10-508857.

It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of the application, and that the documents be made of record therein and appear among those cited on the cover page of any patent issuing therefrom.

An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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